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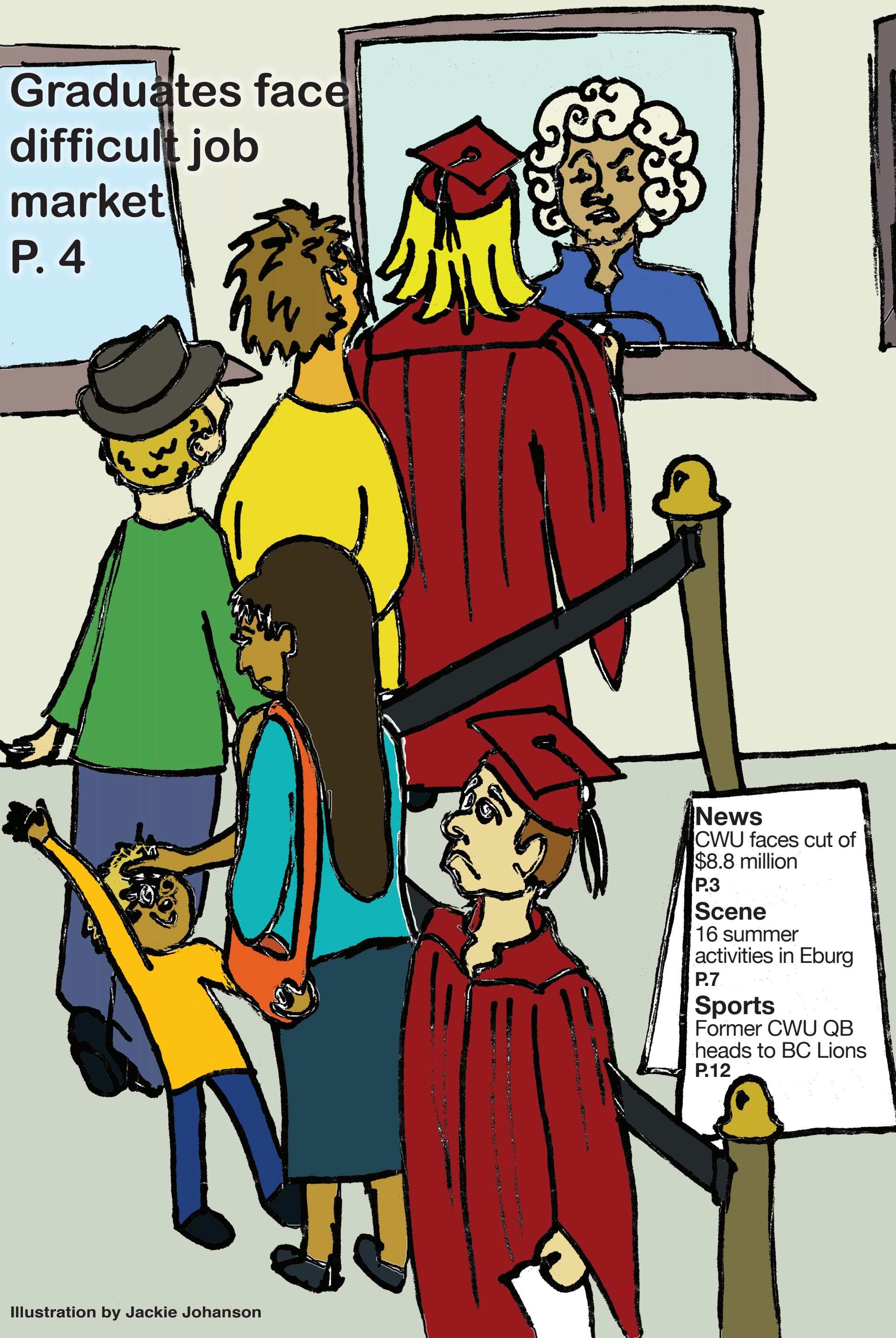
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S&A votes for no increase

Fees will not rise if administrative fee isn't charged to S&A Committee, mitigation process is ongoing

BY ANTHONY JAMES
Editor-in-Chief

The Services and Activities Committee voted to not increase the S&A fee if the proposed administrative fee isn't charged to the committee.

S&A fees are due to go up 12 percent next year, or \$72 per student a year. Base funding for all S&A supported groups will also go down 1 percent from this year.

The university has requested the S&A Committee pay an administrative fee of \$860,000 for next year to cover what administrators call basic university services.

Ed Day, assistant vice president of financial services, said the committee's required reserves would actually grow with no increase in fees if the administrative fee isn't charged. The required reserves are tied to enrollment, which is expected to remain about the same.

The committee formally requested a dispute mitigation process at the May 18 meeting, beginning a two-week period to meet with administrators.

In the mitigation process, three administrators will meet with three student representatives. S&A Committee Chair Megan Hammond will be the chair and tie-breaking vote of the committee. A meeting was scheduled for last Thursday, but was cancelled.

If the mitigation committee agrees to pay part of the administrative fee, such as 50 percent or \$430,000, the S&A Committee will raise the S&A fee proportionally.

But Emily Spoor, S&A Committee spokesperson, said current state law only allows S&A fees to cover student activities.

S&A fees, assessed on every student as part of their tuition bill, cover a variety of services from repaying bonds for the SURC to athletics and student clubs.

For the past three years, as state funding has eroded, numerous groups have approached the S&A Committee for funding. The committee has already declined to provide funds for the Writing Center and paying for part of a marching band faculty's salary, calling these functions academic functions, not student services.

Sherer Holter, the university's chief of staff, wrote in an e-mail to the S&A Committee that the Board of Trustees (BOT) wants documentation to support raising fees.

"In the future, we will be needing the accompanying rationale for any agenda item you are recommending to the BOT whether it be for a service or activity," Holter wrote in the e-mail.

Holter also requested the committee withdraw funding for a westside career services counselor.

Committee Member Scott Robinson said the committee voted to fund the position because students requested it.

"I can't imagine that they're asking us to not fund something from ledger one (state funding) or don't want it to exist," he said.

The last S&A Committee meeting of the school year was held last night.

Central receives grant

Undergraduates get to research diabetes cures

BY SHONTARA ANDERSON
Staff Reporter

Diabetes is a disease that affects 24 million people in the United States. Central was recently awarded a \$390,000 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to study diabetes.

The grant will help research the prevention, treatment and possible cures of the disease.

The two principal researchers behind the project are Carin Thomas, chemistry professor and Lucinda Carnell, biology professor.

According to Valerie Chapman-Stockwell, publications writer in public affairs, the grant fits with Thomas's area of expertise.

The grant provides a great opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate students to get hands-on experience. It will also look good on their resume and help with more education after they graduate from Central.

"Central is very good at letting undergrad students work with grad students," Chapman-Stockwell said.

Erik Lyon, senior biology and chemistry major sees the money going to a good cause.

"The more money the better," Lyon said. "Getting the students involved in

doing the research is great."

Senior biology and chemistry major, Andre Dickerson agrees that this is a great opportunity for increasing activity in labs.

"This is wonderful to be honest,. Wonderful for our professors here," Dickerson said. "It's a big deal for undergraduate students to work in the lab."

Students can get a lot of experience, knowledge and resources from working in the lab.

"The best thing about this is it brings better prestige to the university," Dickerson said. "Its just a big deal all the way around."

According to DeeAnna Boonstra, junior physics major, this issue should be important to everyone, not just Central students.

"I am only one out of four people that doesn't have

diabetes in my family," Boonstra said. "I'm so glad this is getting attention."

Students are anxious to see the progress Central makes on the issue.

"Its really cool as a nutrition major to see the chemistry and biology department trying to improve diabetes in the way that they can," said junior nutrition science major Cassie Wood. "Diabetes affects a ton of people. It's a common disease. It's cool Central gets to research this epidemic."

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Operating budget shrinks; capital budget grows

BY PETER O'CAIN
Senior Reporter

Central's budget was cut by \$29.2 million last Wednesday. When factoring in the 14 percent tuition raise, the net cut comes to \$8.8 million.

"The state cut our programs. We are not a state institution anymore. We are a private university overburdened with state regulations," said Bob Hickey, president of United Faculty of Central and geology professor.

According to Director of Public Affairs Linda Schactler, the state cut factors in a 3 percent wage cut for exempt staff (executives and administrators), which doesn't apply to people earning less than \$2,500 per month or student employees.

Schactler said the Board of Trustees will meet on June 10 to decide a tuition rate and what to do with the cuts in wages and benefits. Schactler expects colleges and departments to know how much they'll be cut by July 1.

House Bill 1795 passed, which authorizes the Board of Trustees to set tuition at a higher rate than 14 percent over the next four years. But Central would have to accommodate median-income students if tuition increased more than 14 percent.

Faculty Discuss Cuts

The cuts were discussed last Wednesday evening at the Union Open Budget Forum.

Phase One is cuts to staff and exempt staff. Phase Two is a targeted cut to each college, currently in process.

Hickey said he didn't have a total cut to academics but knows that the cut to the College of the Sciences is \$750,000. Other faculty members said

they understood the cut to the College of Education and Professional Services would be \$700,000 and the cut to the College of Arts and Humanities close to \$500,000. Phase Three takes place this summer, when the deans and the Provost will decide on program cuts, which will be phased in over the next few years. Phase Two is supposed to last only for the next year until program cuts and prioritization start.

Faculty are being asked to work more hours, eliminating the need to hire as many adjunct faculty.

"We just took a \$8.5 million cut, something's got to give," said Bob Hickey, president of United Faculty of Central.

Hickey said this mean fewer elective classes and larger class sizes. However, Hickey warned faculty against blindly taking on larger workloads without demanding overload pay. Hickey and other faculty members worry that an overworked faculty could jeopardize the quality of Central's courses.

"There are going to be some definite losers. We're going to be charging [students] more and more and giving them less and less," said John Alsoszatai-Petheo, professor of biological anthropology and archeology.

Alsoszatai-Petheo is also concerned that students will become disillusioned with Central as it rapidly changes.

Retirement Plans Suffer

Retirement plans for faculty and administrators have also taken a signifi-

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U.F.C. President

cant hit. Prior to the state's cuts, faculty and administrators had a savings plan in which a person could have "x" amount of their paycheck to go into a savings plan and the state would contribute "y" percent of "x," depending on age. If the person was under 35, the state would contribute 5 percent. If the person was between 35 and 50 the state would contribute 7.5 percent. If the person was over 50 the state would

contribute 10 percent. Now the state will contribute only 6 percent, regardless of age, and expects the university to make up the difference. There is no word yet as to whether the university will do so.

Central staffers' retirement has also been hurt. Staffers receive a pension, which the state can't touch, and pay into it with each paycheck. Currently, 5.31 percent of their pay goes toward their pension, but as of July that rate will increase to 8.61 percent, and in July 2012 it will jump to 9.3 percent.

Schactler also said faculty health insurance costs have increased from 12 percent to 15 percent of each paycheck.

Capital Budget to Increase

Legislature did find room in the capital budget to fund four of Central's top priority projects.

Central received \$2 million to design Science II, the Science Building's sister building. According to Assistant Vice President of Facilities Bill Vertrees, Science II will be three stories tall and 100,000 gross square feet. It

will be home to science, physics and geology classes.

Vertrees expects Central to receive about \$53 million in 2013 for construction and believes the building will be ready for classes by 2015.

Central received \$5 million for design of the new addition to the Samuelson Building. Vertrees said the plan is to knock down the south side of Samuelson and build a four-story communication building and renovate the north side.

Vertrees expects Central to get about \$60 million in 2013 for construction. He expects the south side to be ready to hold classes by 2015, while the north side should be done by 2017, making the situation similar to how Hogue Hall's construction is being handled now.

Central also received \$300,000 for pre-design of the Nutrition, Exercise, and Health Sciences (NEHS) Building, which will be located in the Science Neighborhood. Vertrees expects Central to receive about \$3 million for design during the 2013-2015 biennium and about \$40 million during the 2015-2017 biennium for construction.

Central received \$4 million to replace the outdated sewer, water and steam lines that run under the Walnut Mall between the Japanese Garden and the town ditch in front of the Language and Literature Building.

The Walnut Mall used to be a part of Walnut Street, which means Ellensburg's irrigation, phone and fiber optic lines run through there as well.

Lastly, the State Need Grant increased to \$124 million, but the Work Study program was reduced by \$31 million

Marijuana legalization once again discussed

BY JOE SAVIDGE
Staff Reporter

Five representatives from Grammas for Ganja were unable to make it to a scheduled panel-speaker event on Central's campus because they had car trouble in Cle Elum.

However, two marijuana-decriminalization advocates were on site and ready to talk and answer questions from students.

Mary Clare Kersten, one of the speakers, is the Kitsap County coordinator for Sensible Washington. She is a volunteer organizer searching for signatures to qualify I-1149 for the November ballot.

I-1149 is a bill that would decriminalize marijuana use and possession in Washington.

State law requires 241,153 signatures to put I-1149 on the ballot. The group has 32,581 signatures.

The July 7 deadline looms, but there are multiple signature-collecting contests that will soon be reaching deadlines.

"This is a 'We The People' grassroots organization. This is you and me. This is a real democracy. This is the real America," Clare said.



Also present was Tricia Rogers, a member of Moms for Marijuana. She brought up multiple points through the discussion.

Rogers said that her main priority is the planet.

"Hemp can run our cars," Rogers said.

She also suggested that marijuana can cure cancer. In 1992, Rogers left the doctor with stage four cervical cancer.

The doctor "shot his chair back. The cancer was visible to the naked eye," Rogers said. "They thought I was a goner."

She was scheduled for another doctor's appointment 33 days later. A friend brought her two pounds of marijuana. She consumed it all, drinking marijuana tea three times a day for the month. She took no other medicinal treatments. When she went back to the doctor, her cancer was gone.

History major Andrew Kellington was skeptical. He asked Rogers if she had any supporting evidence to show that the marijuana tea was the cure. Rogers said no.

"I asked that because I don't believe

any of this," Kellington said. "I'm an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and this is bullshit. It went into remission."

Rogers worked to debunk the myth that marijuana makes people lazy.

Due to osteoarthritis, Rogers quit working three years ago. One year ago, she walked with a cane.

That was the same time she got her medical marijuana card. She's lost 45 pounds since then.

"Marijuana does not make me lazy. Marijuana gets me off my ass," Rogers said.

The panel session was organized by Central student Brian Grimmer through Wildcats for Compassionate Care. The Wellness Center and the Civic Engagement Center sponsored the event.

Lorinda Anderson, Civic Engagement Center director encourages analytical, critical and intellectual discussion on campus.

"I think we need public open voice," Anderson said. "No matter the discussion."

RT places grads in jobs

BY PRESTON PRENDERGAST
Staff Reporter

The Recreation and Tourism department's emphasis on environmental sustainability has led to a 90 percent placement rate for its majors after graduation.

"Going green is more than just marketing. It is an ethical approach to how we conduct business and provide services," said professor Kenneth Cohen. "The Recreation and Tourism program has infused sustainability into the curriculum at every level."

Students were even challenged to use their green skills for their senior awards banquet Wednesday night.

Students used recycled paper on tabletops, pitchers of water rather than bottled water, biodegradable plates and bamboo utensils. Guests also carpooled.

"Our program is rigorous and students aren't being prepared for entry-level jobs," he said. "They are being prepared for entry-level management positions."

Besides sustainability, students also take courses in risk management, budgeting, marketing and leadership.

"The recreation and tourism program has more alumni in director-level management positions than any other university in the state," Cohen said.

Carina Booth, senior recreation and tourism major, said the high job placement rate is thanks to the "emphasis we have throughout our curriculum on networking with professionals."

Booth also cited the 480 required hours of interning and 240 hours of practicum as a contributing factor.

Graduation to honor soon-to-be graduates

BY QUINN EDDY
Staff Reporter

On Saturday June 11, 1680 students will be walking at Central's 2011 Commencement Ceremonies, held at Tomlinson Stadium. Over 1,500 graduates will be receiving bachelor's degrees and 112 will be receiving their master's.

"Because enrollment has increased, so has the number of graduates," said registrar Tracy Terrell.

Due to the number of graduates, the ceremonies will be split by colleges. The first ceremony will take place at 9:30 a.m. and includes students in the College of Arts & Humanities, College of the Sciences, along with General and Individual and Interdisciplinary Study majors.

The second ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. and is for students in the College of Business and the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Every year, a faculty member is chosen to carry the university mace and lead the faculty processional as the Fac-

ulty Marshal for the first ceremony. Professor Philip Backlund from the Department of Communication was chosen for the first ceremony.

"It's an honor to be selected because of your rank and years experience at Central," Terrell said.

Backlund has dedicated 32 years of service to Central.

For the second commencement ceremony, education professor Catherine Bertelson was chosen. Bertelson has been with Central for 27 years.

Of all the degrees on campus, the most awarded degree will be a Bachelor of Science followed by Bachelor of Arts.

"On average it takes students five years to graduate," Terrell said.

Speaking at commencement will be Gen. James Mattis, Commander with the United States Central Command.

Mattis, a Central graduate from 1972, was born in Pullman and graduated from Richland High School in 1968.

According to the United States Joint Forces Command, Mattis has an im-

pressive military record. One of his most impressive achievements was as a major general. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mattis commanded the 1st Marine Division during the initial attack and subsequent stability operations.

His most recent achievements were the command of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and serving as the commander of the U.S. Marine Forces Central Command.

For 120 years, alumni have organized through the Alumni Association. Their first achievement was in 1910 when they banded together and stopped Olympia from closing Central. Their main goal is to help graduates stay connected with Central.

"Our main function is to be the voice of the alumni," said Jim Armstrong, director of Alumni Relations.

According to the Alumni Association, Central has about 78,000 living alumni and the association has contact information for about 70,000. Most have stayed in Washington state and live on the West Side.

Graduates anxious about job market

BY JEANETTE GENSON
Staff Reporter

With graduation nearing, some of the senior class may start to feel a bit anxious about how the job market may look for them.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the projections for the spring 2011 job market are the best they have been since 2007.

In their projections, employers are stating a double-digit increase in their hiring.

At the top of the projections by region is the Northeast. This is because 70 percent of the government jobs are in the Northeast as well as many opportunities with insurance companies, real estate and finance groups. Followed by the Northeast, in order, are the Southeast, Midwest and West.

Although West is at the bottom of the list for expected hiring in 2011, the area has the second highest percent rate of change since 2010, showing a steady

increase in jobs available.

As for knowing what degree is best to have in this year's job market, the statistics say to stick with a bachelor's degree.

There is an 80 percent chance of hire if a person is newly out of college with a B.A., as opposed to the 19.1 percent chance with an Associates degree, and a 15.3 with an M.B.A.

Other statistics that are anticipated by NACE are the best major to graduate with, and leading the list is engineering with 110 respondents that will be looking for new hired help.

Also close behind engineering is business, accounting and physical science. Trailing all the way at the back of the list is education, with just four hiring respondents.

Just at the end of last week, The Seattle Times reported the first increase of applications for unemployment benefits in three weeks.

This is a harsh reminder that although the job market looks better for college graduates, it is still a tough battle for those with less education.

"The class of 2011 is competing with graduates from the last few years as well as the unemployed and students from other universities who graduate earlier than Central students, "Employers can afford to be very selective," said Sandy Lindelof of Central's Career Services office.

Lindelof also said that it is best for students to have a competitive edge, such as one that is attained through an internship.

Also some good skills that Lindelof advises students should acquire are perseverance, networking and flexibility.

She said the job market is looking better, but mostly for the students who are prepared and clear about what they want, and what they are willing to offer a prospective employee.

"Students need to be focused and proactive in the job search and may initially have to sacrifice job title, location or ideal salary in order to get into a company of choice," Lindelof said as a fair warning to all soon to graduate Wildcats.



COURTESY OF BRIGHT HUB

Career Services helps students find jobs

BY NINA KANARSKAYA
Staff Reporter

After four long years of late nights and classes that seemed to take forever, it seems to some that all there is to show for the hard work is a piece of paper.

The real test begins after graduation: finding your dream job – the job you dreamed about during test after test.

It's often a struggle for students to transition from university life to the job market.

However, Central's Career Services Center helps alumni find jobs whenever they need it.

Their mission is to help students find permanent jobs after graduation and help them find a major that is suited to their abilities.

"Our services are free for alumni. So if they need help 10 years down the road, we're here to help," said Kristina Paquette of Career Services.

Career Services offers help with cre-

ating and editing resumes, finding internships and doing mock interviews. They have tools that encourage students to prepare for a career before graduation.

"Most students don't know about our services," Paquette said. "Come in and utilize our services."

The center is a good back-up resource when things get tough.

"The job market hasn't been its best for a while," said senior Annie Weiseback. "So it's been a concern of mine."

However, instead of throwing herself into the job market and bad economy, Weiseback decided to focus on an internship this summer at a physical therapy clinic.

There she believes she will gain the experience and confidence she needs for a permanent job.

"I'm gonna take a year off and go to physical therapy school afterwards," Weiseback said. "I've always wanted to be in physical therapy."

After finals next week, Weiseback will graduate with a degree in exercise science with a specialization in clinical physiology.

With so many different degrees, even Weiseback was worried about making the right choice.

"There are a few different degrees you could take, but I feel I got the right degree," Weiseback said.

Even students who are graduating in a few years are troubled by the current economy and the stress of finding a job. Some are staying in school as long as possible in hopes of an improved economy in the future.

"I have some grants from the government, so I can stay in school for awhile, while I decide what to do," said Jesse Vonier, undeclared junior. "I'm not in a hurry to graduate."

Even though finding a job is not a looming task for Weiseback, her strategy for getting a job is to apply to as many places as possible and hope for the best.

Steve Rittereiser leaves CWU's Business AVP to be top cop at UW

BY JEREMY VIMISLIK
Staff Reporter

Central will be saying farewell to Steve Rittereiser this week. He is taking a position as Police Commander with the University of Washington's police department. It will be a move back into law enforcement, his career passion.

Although Rittereiser has been working at Central for almost three decades, his job has not remained the same.

He's the police chief and also works as the assistant vice president of business auxiliaries, where he manages the bookstore, dining services, the conference center as well as several other sources of campus revenue.

Rittereiser attended Central from 1978 to 1982 and studied law and justice. For the first year after he graduated, he worked as a temporary police officer for Central and also for the Ellensburg Police Department, doing a little bit of everything, including dispatching calls and working as a dog catcher.

In August 1983, Rittereiser got his first full-time job as a university police officer. He's been employed by Central ever since.

In December 1985, he was promoted to sergeant and later to chief in 1991 after a national search was conducted to fill the position.

His wife Wendy, also a Central alum, graduated with honors in accounting and now works in Human Resources here at Central.

Rittereiser was originally brought into the business auxiliaries position to clean up a growing financial issue in 2004, in which a projected gain of \$800,000

turned into a loss of \$756,000; leading to a \$1.5 million deficit.

After 100 days, Rittereiser not only turned that around but created profits of \$40,000-50,000. By the next year, a \$1.2 million improvement was seen through further restructuring, personnel changes and reducing expenses.

What was intended to be a six month temporary position, turned into a five and a half year job.

"It was the right opportunity," Rittereiser said. "It's a nice time for a change." According to Rittereiser, the University of Washington is a flagship institution and when an opportunity opened up, he took it.



COURTESY OF STEVE RITTEREISER

When asked how he will cope with life in Seattle, he noted that he was familiar with rain from previously living in Vancouver, and city life isn't a problem as he was born in New York City. He also noted that his two sons, 26-year-old Jason, the Deputy Prosecutor for King County and 23-year-old Brian, a structural engineer both live in Seattle.

According to Rittereiser, Wendy will still be working at Central, so they will commute for a while and eventually plan on settling down in Seattle.

"I feel like I'm leaving [Business Auxiliaries] in a better place. That's not a credit to me by any means, but to all the people that work in the Auxiliaries," Rittereiser said. "They all contributed to that."

When asked about his accomplishments with the police department, he said that he feels that he is leaving them with a higher level of professionalism that he has helped form over the last 28 years.

Rittereiser said Central police are probably the best-trained campus law enforcement officers in the state of Washington.

"Their competency level is excellent," Rittereiser said. "They'll be fine."

Much of that is due to their caring about the students and the community. The officers here live and breathe the community, Rittereiser said.

Since he will be leaving on June 3, and starting at UW on June 6, he will miss his favorite part of the school year: commencement.

"If I can find husky stadium, I will be in the middle of their commencement operation," Rittereiser said with a smile.

Lucy Rolfe, administrative assistant to Rittereiser, has known him since June 2008. Rolfe said Rittereiser is a rock.

"Steve is such a good leader. He's just amazing, I'm really going to miss him," Rolfe said.

There is currently no replacement for Rittereiser's Business Auxiliary position.

Central not interested in Yellow Church



PATRICK CLARK

BY NICHOLE WILLIAMSON
Staff Reporter

Central is not buying the Yellow Church café, despite the rumors that have been flying around campus for the past week.

"I have asked everyone I know who is in the position to know actual facts about this and they all say the same thing: No," said Linda Schactler, director of public affairs, on her blog.

On May 27 Schactler updated her blog again, "CWU is still not buying the Yellow Church."

According to Dr. Roger Fouts, director of university research, the Central Washington Research Foundation (CWURF) is not interested in buying the Yellow Church Café either.

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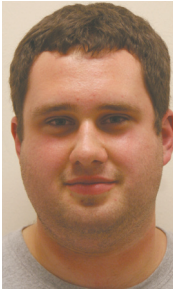
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The final countdown

Editor-in-Chief Anthony James shares his last thoughts on the newspaper, staff and Four Loko

This is the end, my friends. Sure, it's a botched lyric to a Doors song, but it seems fitting. This issue marks my 27th and final issue as Editor-in-Chief of The Observer. And it's been one hell of a ride.



By Anthony James
Editor-in-Chief

A lot of news happened this year (besides Four Loko). I couldn't be happier to be a part of it all, but now it's time to ride off into the sunset and make my 160-mile daily commute to my internship this summer. And that sounds pretty awesome.

Being an Editor-in-Chief has little to do with editing. For every hour I spent editing, I spent another 10 hours a week helping to keep the paper running, managing a staff of 50 and trying to keep everybody motivated. But I'm not complaining. It's just how the cookie crumbles.

Over these past nine months, I've met a lot of people. Most were great, but some just need to step up their own game before telling others to do the same. But enough of that.

A brief list of thanks is certainly in

order:

- Nicole Swapp: Ever since I met you as "Scholarship Girl" until now, you've undoubtedly kept me sane, helped me through the crap and even posed on a cover or two for me. I can't thank you enough.
- Cynthia Mitchell: Speaking on behalf of the entire staff, you rode our asses and pushed us to be better. As a result, we put out an award-winning newspaper and I have a great internship lined up.
- Mom: Hey, if you can get a Bachelor's now, I certainly can. Without saying anything, you kept me motivated to finish this up. Dad would be proud.
- John LaSalle: You're like the younger brother I never had. Thanks to you, I have some great new music to listen to. I just hope there's a turntable wherever you may be. I miss you, man.

A long list of former co-workers, Observer staff and friends: If this could be a 2,000-word column, I'd thank you all. Individually and as a whole, you all have helped me tremendously.

Well, this is it. I'm extremely proud of what we've done this

year. For every one person who wrote me telling me how terrible of a newspaper we are, another 10 have stopped me and told me how great the paper has been. I couldn't agree with those people more.

A lot of news happened this year (besides Four Loko). I couldn't be happier to be a part of it all, but now it's time to ride off into the sunset and make my 160-mile daily commute to my internship this summer. And that sounds pretty awesome.

Correction

- In the article "Student Speaks Out" (Issue 7, May 12), former VP of Clubs and Organizations Trevor Bevier was incorrectly listed as a member of the College Republicans.

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Letters to the Editor

I would first like to thank all of you who have participated in my recent survey regarding funding priorities. Your input has been taken into account, and our recommended fee for next year will rise by under \$25 per quarter in order to preserve the services and activities that you have indicated are of value.

This increase was partially determined due to the forecast of an impending administrative policy, where students will start paying for campus operations through S&A as well as tuition. Your student representatives have indicated skepticism regarding the appropriateness of such, and have taken steps to seek further information prior to granting consent.

Current proceedings seek to determine the legitimacy of a proposed budget restructure for the future of Central, where about \$860,000 in annual student S&A funds will be allocated toward various administrative functions. These include the President's Office, Business & Financial Affairs, and Academic & Student Life.

According to written and verbal statements from administration staff George Clark and Sherer Holter, this proposed approach will "streamline workflow, reduce redundancies, and improve the quality, consistency, and efficiency of services." They explained that many university operations are essential to the daily function of the university, and aforementioned functions either directly or indirectly benefit every

student.

Historically, S&A funds have been gathered from the students, and explicitly allocated for the students. However, the administration argues that services beneficial to all should also be funded by all financial entities, in accordance with corporate "best practice" methodology. They wish to keep tuition bottom-lines competitive within the market of comparable universities, while increasing extraneous fees to cover the budget discrepancies.

According to RCW 28B.15.041, "Services and activities fees shall be used as otherwise provided by law or by rule or regulation of the board of trustees... for the express purpose of funding student activities and programs." Therefore, the Committee is arguing whether or not "indirect benefits" fall under this criterion.

At the conclusion of our first meeting with the CWU Chief of Staff, a motion was carried to reject the proposed administrative fee being charged to S&A. This has instigated the process of dispute resolution, which will entail a sub-committee of students and administration lead by our chair, Megan Hammond.

I welcome your questions and comments.

Thank you, on behalf of the entire S&A Committee.

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KATHARINE LOTZE

Dear Readers,

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SUMMER FUN

16 FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

by **KELSEE DODSON-CARTER** | SENIOR REPORTER

BEST OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

1 Hike Manastash Ridge

Slip on a pair of tennis shoes and gear up for an 8.4-mile hike on Manastash Ridge. This difficult trail is a popular hike for those who like a challenge. Enjoy the wildflowers and views of Kittitas Valley.

2 Grab your inner tube or blow up your rafts and hit the river. Float the river of your choice, either the Yakima or the Cle Elum River. This is an opportunity to have a fun adventure with your friends and keep cool on a summer day.

3 Pull out your fishing pole, hook on a worm and check out the great fishing opportunities right in your backyard. Whether you choose to fish in a lake, pond or river they can all be found within minutes of Ellensburg. Cast your poles this summer and hope for the catch of the day!

4 Gear up the car with tents, coolers, sleeping bags and bug spray this summer and hit the woods for a camping trip. Whether it is a weekend trip or for a week, you are sure to find a campground near you. Roast marshmallows by the lake and escape from the stresses of the real world.

BEST VACATION SPOTS

1 Become a kid again in the land

where "all your dreams come true" at the "happiest place on earth," Disneyland. Enjoy the hot summer days while hanging out with Mickey and Minnie and riding the teacups until your head hurts.

2 Go fly with Harry Potter, hang with Spiderman and discover Jurassic Park at the Universal Orlando Resort in Florida. Not only will you be able to catch up with your favorite characters and movies but you are able to experience the best roller coasters that this theme park has to offer.

3 What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, right? Take a trip to Vegas this summer. If you are 21, gamble all your money away, drink until everything is gone and create your own Hang-over 3. Whatever you do, don't get married at the little white chapel or give yourself a root canal.

4 Lay on the beach for days, feeling the hot sand between your toes, drinking only pink lemonade and listening to the waves of the Pacific crashing together in Hawaii. What more could you ask for from a relaxing vacation to leave all your worries behind in Ellensburg and just enjoy your time.

BEST SUMMER CONCERTS

1 It's Britney bitch! Slip on

your multicolored wig, a funky outfit a different personality and check out the Femme Fatale Tour featuring Britney Spears and Nicki Minaj. The two will be at the Tacoma Dome June 29 at 7 p.m.

2 Kube 93 will be hosting Summer Jam Saturday July 16 at 12:30 at the White River Amphitheater. Be prepared for a long day of live music, drinking and possibly a little bit of contact high. This year's performers include Ludacris, T-Pain, Pitbull, B.O.B, Jeremih, New Boyz and Big Krit.

3 Your childhood dreams will be coming true when New Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys come together for the concert of the summer. No more ripping posters out of magazines and pasting them on your walls because they will be at the Tacoma Dome Friday July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

4 This California gurl, Katy Perry, will be heading to Washington Friday July 20 at the Key Arena in Seattle. There will sure to be fireworks at this concert so let all your teenage dreams come true and purchase your tickets for this summer.

BEST SHOPPING PLACES

1 Discover great deals from

all of your favorite brands at the outlet located on I-5 exit 82 in Centralia, right between Portland and Seattle. Stores such as Aeropostle, Billabong, Coach, Nike and Volocom are just a few brands you can score great deals on.

2 You don't have to travel far for the brands you love. There are 50 stores to choose from at the North Bend outlet mall, including, Adidas, Nine West, Zumiez, Gap and Eddie Bauer. Located on I-90 exit 31, just a hop, skip and a jump from Ellensburg.

3 Buy brand-name clothing without having to pay the price at the Seattle Premium Outlets. This mall is home to 110 different stores ranging from brands such as Burberry, Calvin Klein, DKNY, Juicy Couture and Polo Ralph Lauren, Jockey, Ecko Unltd and Quicksilver. It's located on I-5 exit 202.

4 Enjoy cheaper outlet shopping for all of your needs including apparel, health and beauty, footwear and home furnishings at the Outlet Shoppes at Burlington. Lululemon Athletica, Reebok, Kitchen Collection and Pendleton are just a few of the brands you will encounter. It's located on I-5 exit 229.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are your plans for the summer?



"Backpacking through the Olympic Mountains with my brother and some friends."

-Andy Bothwell, sophomore environmental geology major



"I have an internship I'm pretty excited about. It's working with young adults with special needs."

-Katelyn Walker, junior psychology and special education major



"I'll be doing an internship in downtown Seattle for Expeditors, a global linguistics company, and I'll be doing IT work."

-Emily Hernandez, senior IT major



"Going to Cancun for a family reunion."

-Sofi Bernstein, grad student primate behavior

STUDENTS "APPRECIATE" THEIR DAY

BY MAECY ENGER
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday's Student Appreciation Day was an opportunity for students to have fun. Central has been putting this event on for 50 years, celebrating the students who make Central run.

This year Rachel Simonson, senior chemistry major and special events student programmer, decided to expand the event to all areas of the SURC.

Students entered the SURC in search of free food and got stopped along the way. Whether it was the large inflatables on the east patio or the free ice cream provided by Winegars, students stopped and enjoyed the festivities.

The Wildcat Shop sponsored water pong - a game where students had to get a ping-pong ball in a glass.

Brian Andrews, senior biochemistry major, really wanted to win a free glass from the water

pong game. He continued to play until he did.

"My shot glass broke so I need a new one," Andrews said.

Heather Lubahn, senior biology major, explained that they just wanted a fun activity that students knew how to play and since they had extra glasses, it worked out great.

"If I wasn't working, I'd like the free food," Lubahn said.

The band Road Fever performed. No one would have known they were chemistry professors Tim Sorey, Anthony Diaz, Tony Brown and Mari Sorey.

Their music drew in large crowds and students who hadn't heard of them stayed to listen. Others relaxed in the SURC pit, staying for the whole performance.

Catheryn Kibbe, freshman music performance and history education major, works for the chemistry department knew of the group but had no idea that they were playing at the event.

Hyojung Cho, senior clothing and textiles major, had never heard of the band before and came to hear them play. She still had to visit the rest of the event but at the moment she liked what she saw.

"It is OK so far," Cho said.

Sumo wrestling suits and a spin ride were brought to students by the Recreation Center. Individuals were strapped to a seat that revolved around in every direction.

Griselda Romero, senior nutrition major, tried out the ride. She was laughing and gave a couple screams as a crowd of people urged her on.

"I thought it was fun and intense," Romero said.

Sarah Carter, freshman education major, had originally come for the food but also really liked watching the inflatable games, especially the jousting game.

"Guys beating each other on the air thing was cool to," Carter said.

Holmes Dining Hall was packed with students that all had the same idea in mind; free food.

Dining Services provided chicken, pulled pork, rice, a mixture of vegetables and watermelon. Soft drinks were free and a group of Tahitian dancers stood at the entrance to greet guests.

The group, who performed later that evening, gave out plastic flower leis, and soon over hardly anyone was seen without one.

The Filipino-American Student Association and Asian Pacific Islander American House put on the luau evening entertainment.

Groups of students, as well as the performance group known as Keila Pritchard, performed different traditional dances from the islands. A 15-year-old boy also performed the dance with fire torches.

Simonson hopes the event was fun for students who worked hard all year and in a couple weeks can enjoy their summer.



COREY SMITH/OBSERVER



Central hosts "Minute to Win It"

BY BRYAN EATON
Staff Reporter

Ever see a man grab a cookie off his head using only his head? What about someone walking around with a popsicle stick in their mouth with a stack of dice on the end of it? Today someone with those skills might win.

Campus Activities is holding "Minute to Win It" event at noon in the SURC pit. The host of the program, Briana Butler, senior recreation and tourism major as well as the activities office intern program assistant, describes the program as a chance to have some fun before finals.

"We're just gonna have some music and have some fun," Butler said.

"Minute to Win It" is based on the recently cancelled NBC game show of the same name and several of the challenges from the show will be a part of the event.

The Central version will include the challenges "A bit dicey," "Face the Cookie," "Extreme Hanky Panky," "Dizzy Mummy" and "Keep it Up." All of these challenges have a 60 second time limit, so competitors have to hurry and use finesse to win the challenges. A difference from the original is that the Central version will focus on individual competitions instead

of in teams.

"A Bit Dicey" will require players to balance six dice on a popsicle stick in their mouth for three seconds.

In this event, balance and concentration are key as the 60 second time limit applies to how long it takes to assemble the die on the stick.

In "Face the Cookie," competitors will find themselves lying down with a cookie on their forehead. From this bizarre position the player will have to move the cookie in to their mouth using only the muscles in their face.

Students with great ambidexterity will find "Extreme Hanky Panky" a walk in the park as players try to empty two boxes of tissues. In a related event, competitors in "Dizzy Mummy" have to unroll a roll of toilet paper before time is up. If the roll breaks, they lose as well.

Contestants have signed up over the previous week and the event is free to all who want to attend. Butler hopes that students who are tired from the school year will show up to relax and have some fun before finals week kicks in.

"It will hopefully give [students] an extra boost of energy before finals," Butler said.

SHENANIGANS (Top) Ian Henderson, freshman, gets spun around and around on a popular attraction at Student Appreciation Day. (Right) Kyle Duffey, senior business administration major, prepares to body slam senior public relations major, Angie Kamalsah, for the win. (Bottom) Trent Brown, freshmen and Cody Jewett, freshmen have a jousting duel outside the SURC.

Chris Richards can play

This Central student professes his love of music

BY CHANELLE FOURNIER
Staff Reporter

For Chris Richards, junior music education major, attraction to the arts seems to skip generations. Richards and his two brothers are all pursuing artistic careers, a trait that seems curious to his parents. “They don’t really know where the artistic thing came from because they are not at all,” Richards said. His older brother is attending the Art Institute of Portland, studying animation. His other brother is a freelance bass player in a couple of bands. Richards is mainly a clarinet player, but he also plays trombone and tenor saxophone. “I’ve always really enjoyed art, just in general, but I can’t draw for the life of me,” Richards said. “Give me a sculpture

or something, and it will look like a third grader did it. I just couldn’t do it. Music was the one thing where it was almost natural to me.” Richards first got interested in music in the fifth grade, when limited options at a small school led him to choose band as an elective. “There was like three choices, and band was one of them,” Richards said. “My mom had an old, old crappy clarinet she used in middle school, so that’s how I got into that.” Music and band helped ease the transition of moving from the very small town of Washougal to the slightly-less-small-town of Camas, near Vancouver. “It was just really enjoyable and I had a lot of friends in the music program,” Richards said. “I changed schools in the eighth grade and it was kind of the one thing that I

kept consistent. It was nice to have that to go back to.” Richards decided to be a music education major because of his good experiences in band when he was growing up. “During high school, band was always the best part of the day,” Richards said. “I really enjoyed every aspect of it and I was pretty good at it. I figured, why not, give it a try.” One of Richards’ main strengths within music is music theory, according to his roommate and fellow music major Brandon McClendan. “He’s very proficient with his theory knowledge. I think that’s one of his strong points,” McClendan said. “We get these homework assignments all the time and

he helps me with them.” At the moment, Richards is learning to play both the piano and the drums. “I’m also a quasi member of the rock ‘n’ roll club because I am trying to learn to play drums,” Richards said. “Right now I can’t play any instrument related to rock ‘n’ roll.” Unfortunately, picking up the drums has been slow going. “I really would like to learn. It’s just really difficult. It’s more than just hitting sticks into circles,” he said. These efforts are on top of the work that’s necessary for the music program. However, he is happy to put in the effort. “I play from two to four hours every day and I don’t mind at all,” he said.

“Give me a sculpture or something, and it will look like a third grader did it. I just couldn’t do it. Music was the one thing where it was almost natural to me.”
-CHRIS RICHARDS
Junior music ed. major

Two dozen bands rocked Sasquatch at the Gorge

CONCERT REVIEW
BY ALYSSA HOARD
Staff Reporter

It’s a Yeti! It’s Bigfoot! No, it’s Sasquatch! Sasquatch Music Festival drew in thousands of people over Memorial Day weekend. The four-day music festival was jam packed with over 25 bands. The 10th annual event took place at the Gorge Amphitheater where tickets were completely sold out on the first day of sales in April. With four stages and a dance tent, each night featured major names such as Foo Fighters, Death Cab for Cutie, Brighteyes, Modest Mouse and The Decemberists. Catching only the Sunday shows were the Flaming Lips, a psychedelic rock group returned to the festival. Lead singer Wayne Coyne came out in his legendary plastic bubble, as confetti, balloons and girls dressed in Dorothy costumes consumed the side stage. Sticking to their space driven influences it was a little disappointing to not hear a personal favorite and classic “Do You Realize.” The highlight band of the night was

Ratatat, a two man band consisting of Evan Mast and Mike Stroud. Recently coming off of sold out tours in places like China and Cambodia their electronic hip-hop sounds are worth the listen. They reached their success after teaming up with Kid Cudi on songs like, “The Pursuit of Happiness.” The performance was breathtaking. Stage visuals included things like an old man crying, spinning Beethoven heads and giant projected birds on screens, there wasn’t a single person in the crowd not dancing. Glow sticks flew through the air and people were surfing over your head; there was a sense of connecting. The moment where performers can simply make you really listen. Music is a universal language and Sasquach brought thousands of people together from all different areas for four days. People came to camp out from Ireland, Turkey, South Africa and Canada. After a weekend without showering and a diet of peanut butter and jelly one learns the beauty of simple things surrounded by people who once were strangers and now are best friends. A weekend without worries, Sasquach is a great festival to bring people together.



ALYSSA HOARD/OBSERVER

HAPPY CAMPERS Thousands of music lovers camped at the Gorge over Memorial Day weekend for the Sasquach Music Festival.

Welcome to The Outhouse! For this year’s last installment, we chose a poem by Caleb Hermans. He is a soon-to-be senior with a writing specialization major. Caleb has over 100 poems in various stages of completion. He is also a closet musician with an electric guitar, pedals and an amp. His poem takes place in the African country of Chad. Enjoy this tale about being humbled by a rhino!

“Me and the Rhino”
by Caleb Hermans

I punched a rhino in the nose.
I crept up while his eyes were closed.
I balled my fist and let it go
But soon was sorry for the blow.

The rhino opened his eyes wide.
He snorted once and looked surprised.
His wild eyes soon filled with rage
And now I wished that he were caged.

His horn was sharp, his skin like bark,
Where scars marked many years of war.
I knew then that he liked to fight
And thought that maybe I'd been warned.

From side to side and high and low,
I could not see a way to go.
My stomach was a lump of fear.

I shed a tear when he came near.

I used to think that I was tough.
I puffed and strutted all around.
But now I know I'm not so rough.
The rhino charged and knocked me down.

THE OUTHOUSE

WITH LOREN BAYLES AND JOE SAVILLE

Q and A with Caleb Hermans

How drunk were you when you punched the rhino?
Only a couple beers deep.

What would you do differently the next time you punch a rhino?
Wear some brass knuckles, so I have a better chance.

What did it feel like when the rhino knocked you down?
Comparable to being knocked down by a hippopotamus. I'm sorry if your readers don't know what that feels like. They'll have to use their imagination.

You've been knocked down by a hippo, too?
Yea. I'm not very good with exotic animals.

What did you do to antagonize the hippo?
Made fun of its weight.

Was it a female hippopotamus?
Oh, yea. She was very sensitive.

Who are some of your poetry influences?

I'm a big fan of Robert Frost. I like "Stopping by Woods on Snowy Evening." It's really simple, but it's really good. I want to write like that.

I think you've achieved the simplicity aspect in your poem, while still managing to make the poem funny.
Most people don't get poetry. A poem like this, even if they don't like it, they'll laugh. It's very lighthearted, not that deep, cut-your-wrist shit- although I can write that, but I prefer not to.

How does the writing process work for you?
You can't sit down and say, "I'm going to write a poem about chicks or love." It's got to be spontaneous.

Do you write stories, too?
Poetry's better suited to me. It's an idea you can wrap your head around in a few minutes. I think a poem should be like a fun-size candy bar. That way, you can see it, pop it in, then move on to something else.

Is there any deeper meaning in this poem?
It's kind of a metaphor for biting off more than you can chew.

E3 2011 preview

Once a year, every major video game company gets together to announce new games and consoles at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, or as it is better known as, E3.

This convention tends to provide the announcement of what games will come out over the coming year or two, so it's no surprise it's a big deal in the gaming community.

This year should also prove to be an interesting E3 as one company has already said, they will be announcing a new console this year and with the release of the 3-DS.

Microsoft has a tough act to follow after their mediocre showing from last year, which ultimately focused on their Kinect add-on for the Xbox 360. With Bungie's announcement that they will not make another Halo game, Microsoft has to find another major franchise to symbolize their console.

Sony is still reeling after last month, when the Playstation Network was hacked. With such a nasty bad taste in consumers' mouths, Sony will have to prove that they have other (and more than likely not on-line) strong suits that can continue to draw gamers in.

Regardless, it seems that Sony might not have enough to garner serious attention this year, and will likely have tough times ahead.

Last year, Nintendo shocked and awed everyone at E3 with the announcement



BY BRYAN EATON
Staff Reporter

of the 3-DS and games for virtually every single one of their major franchises.

This year could prove to be something similar as the new console, currently code-named "Project Café," is supposedly to be announced this year. There is almost no information available on this new Wii successor, but the word has been that this console will be Nintendo's first HD system, coming into the world of high definition gaming half a decade after everyone else.

This could also prove to be an advantage as HD equipment prices have dropped radically since the initial release of the Xbox 360 and PS3 and improved in quality significantly enough to give Nintendo a high quality system for significantly reduced cost. Whether these early reports turn out to be true or not, will likely decide the consumer base for this system.

In addition to the "Big Three's" announcements, various third part developers will be announcing their new games this year. The big company to keep an eye on this year though will be Valve.

Their recent release of Portal 2 may seem to indicate that the company may be on a production low after completing such a large project, but during the Portal ARG, a prelease promotion, several digital images were released and one was not related to Portal 2.

The image, one of the mast of a ship, alludes to the ship Borealis, which is expected to be the next destination in the Half-Life series, of which Portal is a spin-off. If Half-Life 3 is announced this year, it could define this year's convention after years of speculation on the elusive game.

E3 2011 will run June 7 to 9 and the press conferences will be watchable online through various media outlets.

They are full and ready to throttle

BY JOE SAVIDGE
Staff Reporter

They came from Tokyo's Asia University with one goal in mind: Start a cover band. Well, they actually came to study, but they also play some good rock 'n' roll music.

With two guitarists, a drummer, a bassist and a vocalist, they play songs such as "Layla," "Satisfaction," "Dani California" and "Johnny B. Goode."

Is it hard to mimic Mick Jagger's long-winded lyrics to "Satisfaction?"

"Pronunciation is kind of hard," said vocalist Taiji Gunjima.

The band's name is Full Throttle, in tribute to the energy drink.

"Always, we full throttle," guitarist Atsushi Ishida said.

America has become a diverse musical oasis for this group of 19-year-olds. Back in Japan, mainstream pop music is the people's choice.

There are "many good blues bands, but it's not mainstream. I couldn't talk about classic rock in Japan because it's not so popular," Ishida said.

I can't get no satisfaction," Ishida said,

channeling The Rolling Stones.

Although he's a guitar major, Nobutaka Mori is Full Throttle's bassist. His advice for Americans is to "listen to punk rock." He likes bands such as The Clash and The Offspring.

The group acknowledges that modern music doesn't hold up against its classic roots.

"Revolution was in at sixties," said guitarist Yoshihiro Yamagishi.

This draws a laugh from his fellow band mates, but they know it's true. They lament the breakup of The White Stripes.

"It's sad," Gunjima said. The White Stripes "roots is blues, but they can make kind of new style."

"Jack White is awesome," Ishida said.

When they go back to Japan in July, Full Throttle will dismantle. It's their study abroad band. They've enjoyed their time in America.

Yamagishi's first impression of Ellensburg was, "windy."

Gunjima reflected on learning a new American culture. He explained that students in Japan don't raise their hands in class. The "American student is active," he said.

For the love of music

This music major couldn't stay away



NATE WALLACE/OBSERVER

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Stephanie Helgerson is playing a musical piece on her oboe. She has been playing since 2000.

BY ASHTON CERMAK
Staff Reporter

Stephanie Helgerson is a music education major and an RA on campus. She has been playing the oboe since seventh-grade, for the past 10 years. After learning to read music in the fifth-grade she picked up on her sister's flute playing which turned her on to wind instruments.

"She taught me before I go into band," Helgerson said. "As soon as I got here I couldn't see not doing music anymore, I was a music minor for a really long time, I only switched to being a major last spring."

The work load between being a music minor versus being a music major isn't too bad Helgerson said.

"Most of it is in the education classes, but then they add higher level theory classes, history classes and methods classes which teaches you the basics of each instrument and also teaches you how to teach in instrument," she said.

Helgerson's aspiration is to teach middle school band.

"That's where I fell in love with it, I started band in the fifth-grade but middle school is really where I fell in love with it," she said. Helgerson has been in a band every year since fifth-grade and has done concert band every quarter that she has been at Central.

She discovered the oboe shortly after

she began playing the flute. Her parents demanded that whatever instrument she chose had to fit in her backpack so she didn't lose it. One girl in her band played the oboe.

"I thought she was so cool because she was the only one," Helgerson said.

Helgerson proves her range in concert band, playing everything from Bach fugues to modern pieces.

"I feel like we've hit almost every genre," she said.

Band is where she finds her comfort zone.

"I have solo pieces for lessons, but I enjoy band a little more," Helgerson said. "I get nervous when I'm just playing by myself, so it's more comfortable to play in a group, I like the energy of playing in a group."

One of her influences is her private lesson

teacher Brent Hages.

"He's been really wonderful, sometimes I get an attitude and he's really good at helping me find ways through it," Helgerson said.

She also finds inspiration from her friend and fellow student Glen Gurkee.

"We are oboe buddies, since we first got here as freshmen," Helgerson said. "We both play oboe and it's really sad when we get put into different bands it's just weird not sitting next to each other."

Some of her favorite composers are Johann Müller, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Antonín Leopold Dvořák.

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-STEPHANIE HELGERSON
Junior music ed. major

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Former Wildcat Reilly heads north for summer

BY DANNY SCHMIDT
Staff Reporter

The thought of playing football in Canada had been bouncing around in Mike Reilly's head since signing with the Pittsburgh Steelers as an un-drafted rookie free agent in 2009.

After a brief stint with the Washington State University Cougars, the 6-foot-3-inch Reilly headed to Central, where he was given the starting role at quarterback. Reilly was outstanding in his three years as a Wildcat, breaking numerous school records held by current NFL veteran and Wildcat alum, Jon Kitna. In addition to the school records, Reilly also finished his collegiate career with the third most passing yards in Division II history.

Reilly knew that it would be tough to be drafted, being from a Division II program. Despite the doubts there was still optimism. Some ESPN analysts considered Reilly to be, at the highest, the fourth best quarterback in the draft.

Head coach Blaine Bennett said he believed that Reilly would be selected at some point in the draft. Bennett not only coached current Denver Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton at Purdue University but also Indianapolis Colts quarterback Curtis Painter, who was also draft-eligible in 2009.

Bennett said he believes that Reilly wasn't quite as good as Orton, but did believe that he was better than Painter, making it all the more surprising that Painter was selected in the draft and Reilly was not.

"I thought Mike had a chance to be a sixth or seventh round draft pick," Bennett said. "I didn't see any weakness as a person or as a player. He was one of those guys that would do extra in the weight room, extra throwing in the offseason and he held everyone accountable. Probably one of the most competitive quarterbacks I've ever been around."

Despite Reilly going un-drafted, his NFL dreams weren't put on hold very long. He was signed as a free agent to the Pittsburgh Steelers shortly after the draft and had the chance to showcase his talents in the following preseason.

"Probably the best experience was in Pittsburgh, being able to play three preseason games," Reilly said. "For my friends and family being able to see me play, that was a great moment. That made me realize, 'Hey I've reached my goal, I'm wearing an NFL jersey and helmet and playing.'"

In September of 2009, before the regular season, the reigning super bowl champions released Reilly.

After Pittsburgh, Reilly was picked up



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READY TO PLAY (Clockwise from top) Mike Reilly on the sidelines at a BC Lions game. Reilly with Charlie Whitehurst at Seahawks mini camp in 2010. Reilly at Steelers training camp with Ben Roethlisberger in 2009.

and released by the Green Bay Packers, St. Louis Rams and the Seattle Seahawks. In the span of a year, Reilly had to move five times.

"I got sick of the politics," Reilly said. "Sometimes no matter how well you play, you can get cut. I got kind of sick of that. That's what prompted me to go to the CFL."

Reilly packed his bags and headed north in hopes of joining the Canadian Football League (CFL). Reilly was able to join the British Columbia Lions in Vancouver. Reilly had been under the impression that the CFL was a significantly lower

association than the NFL but was pleasantly surprised by the talent and competitiveness.

Playing in the CFL is a new world for a traditional American football player. For starters, the CFL's fields are notably larger than the NFL and NCAA's fields.

The larger field affects players of all positions but truly impacts the quarterback. Another impact on Reilly is the number of downs in the league. The CFL uses a three-down system, while American football uses four.

The use of one less down makes the quarterback's play even more critical,

something that gives Reilly an advantage.

"This is a pass-oriented league and he fits well because of his attributes," said Lions offensive coordinator Jacques Chapdelaine.

"Our field is a little bit bigger; from that point of view, his arm strength becomes a positive aspect. He is a fairly mobile guy. He demonstrates, although he may not be the fastest guy, he can make things happen with his legs. Athleticism is a very positive thing here."

Reilly joined the team last year in the middle of the season, adding on to the already difficult task of fitting in.

"He just has to get some snaps," Chapdelaine said. "What's important right now is that he has a chance to start from point zero. Time, reps and opportunity to play is what's going to have to be accomplished for him to grow in this league."

One aspect of the game Reilly has never had an issue with is fitting in with his team. With his first Lions training camp coming up, Reilly will have a chance to not only improve as a player, but also as a teammate and perhaps, find a favorite target to throw to.

At Central, Reilly was a part of a dynamic duo with wide receiver Johnny Spevak. Both helped each other set different school records by knowing each other's tendencies.

"We were always joking around with each other and hanging out with each other," Spevak said. "We never had to verbalize the stuff we were doing on the field. We had hand signals just for us. We knew where the other person was going to be on the field. Every single route, it seemed like he knew where I was going."

The two took their chemistry to new levels with help from teammate Chris Rohrbach.

"We had to be able to communicate so we came up with our own little language," Reilly said. "It's not Pig Latin but it's a talking backwards type of deal."

Reilly didn't want to reveal the secrets of the language but did admit that the nickname 'Rikester' evolved from it.

"For some reason we thought it was hilarious," Spevak said. "It was almost like a little childish game we played with each other even though we were all 20-something year olds. We're kind of dorky like that."

The two were not only a great on-field pair, but were best friends off of the field as well. The two would play video games and golf, among other activities.

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Sevens roster set for Rugby



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ON TO NATIONALS Sam Harb, senior, finds holes in the defense and scores a try. Harb made the final roster that will compete at 7s nationals Saturday.

BY SKYLAR ST. YVES
Staff Reporter

Central Washington University is ready for the Sevens Collegiate Rugby Championship. Their schedule for the week is set and so is their roster.

For the last month, the coaching staff was put to the challenge of developing a roster that can compete at the event.

“We’ve had to make some difficult choices to make our final roster, and it is not ideal considering some of the big injuries to key players,” said head coach Bob Ford. “But I guess it’s gone as good as it can go.”

Due to injury, three changes have been made from the Central team that won the Las Vegas CRC Qualifier in February. Junior Alex Reher, broken forearm, sophomore Andrew Nelson, torn ACL and sophomore Paul Smith, sprained hamstring will all be watching from the stands in Philadelphia.

“We’d like to play Paul, but he’s not back to full strength and we can’t risk any further injury to his leg,” Ford said.

The Wildcats will be led by captain Aaron Lee and vice captain Ryan Snider, both members of the 2010 Men’s Club Sevens National Champion Old Puget Sound Beach of Seattle.

In Las Vegas, Central was led by Tim Stanfill and prop Kellen Gordon. Both will be in action in Philadelphia and looking to lead the Wildcats to their first national championship.

“It’s not unrealistic for us to make it to the final,” Ford said. “We have enough athleticism to put a lot of points on the board.”

Since making their first appearance at the Northwest Collegiate Rugby Sevens Championships, the Wildcats have not

lost a Sevens match and have out-scored their opponents 393-40.

“We’re extremely confident in the team we put together. We’re fast and athletic,” Ford said. “As long as we stick to our game plan, I think we’ll be just fine.”

The coaching staff has implemented some new defensive strategies that they feel will allow them to cause a lot of turnovers and control the tempo of their matches. As far as offense is concerned, Ford believes his team’s athleticism is good enough to carry the Wildcats to victory.

However, most of the competing universities are on semester systems and have been out of school for several weeks, allowing them to prepare for the event without interruptions. Central’s players are in the midst of finals and Ford hopes it won’t affect their focus.

“That’s one of the detriments of being a student-athlete, school come first and our guys have to be ready to play come Saturday,” Ford said.

The Wildcats left for Philadelphia on Tuesday and had a warm up scrimmage against the University of Utah last night. They will train this afternoon and one more time tomorrow before the tournament begins on Saturday.

Central starts pool play against Army at 11:48 a.m. They then face Navy at 1:38 p.m. and the University of North Carolina at 7:02 p.m.

All matches are on Eastern Standard Time and can be seen on NBC’s family of networks. Games will be played at PPL Park, home of the MLS’ Philadelphia Union.

Central is coached by Tony Pacheco and Ford, who will be assisted by Evan Haigh and Waisale Serevi.

Ready to defend

CWU football looks to repeat its success on the gridiron in 2011 season



JOEY LEBEAU/OBSERVER

GNAC DOMINATION Junior quarterback Ryan Robertson scans the field as he prepares for a pass in a game last season. Central looks to defend it’s GNAC title.

BY BRYCE HJALSETH
Assistant Sports Editor

With the football season drawing closer, Central’s football coaching staff is making the off-season adjustments needed for another thrilling season.

“We always expect to win the GNAC (Great Northwest Athletic Conference),” said head coach Blaine Bennett. “We need to be back in the national playoffs and make a good run to that national championship game.”

The Wildcats are heading into this season without some of last year’s key defensive players. Linebacker Adam Bighill and defensive lineman Eugene Germany were both GNAC First-Team All-Star athletes last season. Bighill was also awarded the GNAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Other notable defensive departures include linebackers Paul Wright and Jared Silva-Purcell.

“In the older class, we have three positions that still need to be addressed,” Bennett said. “Linebacker is probably the most glaring.”

The offense will be without running back Bryson Kelly and a pair of wide receivers, Chris Smith and Kollin Hancock.

“We are still looking for a running back that can catch the ball out of the backfield, can break some tackles and has enough speed to go the distance,” Bennett said.

Though some of last year’s key players have moved on, the coaching staff sees it as opportunity for other athletes to step up.

“Is there going to be a guy as good as Adam Bighill? I would have a hard time saying that,” said defensive coordinator Joe Lorig. “You will see a new face that you

and I can’t even say right now that will be a great player that people will talk about.”

Central’s defensive line may be the strongest position this season. All four of the linemen are returning as seniors.

“All four have played a lot of football here and we expect a lot out of that group,” Bennett said.

The coaching staff will be looking to fill position needs for the remainder of the off-season. They still have junior college recruiting and player transfers later this year.

This season’s schedule has the Wildcats facing off against two teams that made national playoffs last year, Texas A&M-Kingsville and West Texas A&M.

The kick-off to the regular season will be against Texas A&M-Kingsville for the Rodeo Bowl. The game is scheduled for Sept. 2 at Tomlinson Stadium.

Central’s second game will be at Humboldt State University. The Wildcats split two games against them last year with one win a piece. The early loss to Humboldt forced the Wildcats out of the playoffs.

The GNAC champion does not get granted a playoff berth from winning the division alone. They usually have to win out their whole division in order to make a playoff appearance.

This season’s Battle in Seattle will take place on Oct. 8 against Western Oregon. The Wildcats shut them out 19-0 in last year’s game and then went on to beat them 21-16 in their final game of the season.

The season’s final game will be home for senior day against Dixie State, a team that the Wildcats swept last season, beating them 24-14 in the first game and 43-21 in the second.

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-BLAINE BENNETT
Head Football Coach

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Fall, spring sports reflect on season, look to future

BY GIANCARLO GONZALEZ
Senior Reporter

Central's sports scene gave fans something to cheer about and something to hope for. Many teams plan on reaching their potential this coming academic year.

If you watched team sports, you felt it all. The agony and the ecstasy went hand in hand this spring. Central's softball and baseball squads flew in different directions this season.

Softball won the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) for the second straight year under first-year head coach Mallory Holtman. The conference champs had first-team All-American's senior Kelsey Hauptert and senior Samantha Petrich, along with all-con-

ference senior's Lauren Hadenfeld and Keilani Cruz leading the way. The Wildcats went on a 23-3 streak to finish the regular season. In regionals, they came short a few runs and faced some calls that were questionable at best. Central softball looks to defend its conference championship as the new king of the hill.

"Obviously replacing Kelsey's 20 home runs is no small feat as well as Samantha, Lauren and K. Keilani Cruz," Holtman said. "But we have a good group of players coming back next year and hopefully we'll get back to where we want to."

Baseball endured a tough season that ended with a 14-32 record under head coach Desi Storey. However, progress was

made as the Wildcats were led by the all-conference first-team duo of senior second baseman Kelly Gau and junior third baseman Glen Reser. Reser also won a Gold Glove for the Division II West Region by the American Baseball Coaches Association for his stellar defensive prowess at the hot corner.

"We struggled offensively but they stuck with it," Storey said. "We played solid D and we have high expectations for next year."

Meanwhile, this coming fall, the men's and women's cross country team look to bounce back and get into the thick of things. Their main focus is continuing their progression in conference play while avoiding major injuries. Each team finished near the bottom in the

GNAC.

"We had some strong comeback performances, especially from the girls side," said junior Kelsey Kreft. "Both our conference and our region are extremely talented and extremely competitive but we fared ok and I think we're on the beginning trend of coming back up to compete with the big schools again."

The keys to competing well in the fall lie in a number of runner preparations during the summer. Getting good running shoes, proper methods and not eating or stretching before running are ground rules for all types of runners. Controlling emotions and not getting too excited during the race are subtle cues for athletes

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-MALLORY HOLTMAN
Head Softball Coach



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THROWIN' HEAT Baseball, softball, cross country and track all look for improvements to their programs.

to consider in competition. Either way, Central's runners won't meet to train as a team until the end of August.

As an added motivator to this year's season, the 2011 NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships will be held in Spokane on Nov. 19 at the Plantess Ferry Sports Complex. The 163-mile trip from Ellensburg to Spokane would be a

dream come true for Wildcat runners. For now, doing little things to improve is on everyone's mind.

Head coach Kevin Adkisson sees positive signs, especially from the returning starters.

"We just have to keep on it," Adkisson said. "I'd like to see us reach the potential that we've seen throughout."



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Pro BMX rider shows off skills at Central

BY ROBYN SWANSON
Staff Reporter

Dressed in skinny jeans and a hoodie, rocking a Red Bull beanie, Terry Adams would pass as just another student on campus. Rather than a student at Central, Adams is a professional BMX flatland rider touring the United States.

Adams stopped by last Tuesday to make an unannounced stop with his sponsor, Red Bull. He displayed his flatland skills for anyone walking by Nicholson Pavilion around noon.

In the BMX, there are three categories that riders can participate in. There is BMX racing, BMX park and BMX flat-

land.

"The best way to describe it is break dancing on a bike. No ramps or rails needed," Adams said. "It's an artistic way to ride."

In the United States, flatland riding is about 10 percent of the industry but it is a much bigger deal in Europe and Asia.

"I was about 10 when I started and turned pro at 15," Adams said. "I have about 100 wins under my shoelace."

Those 100 wins include the Asian X Games in Korea in 2006, Jomopro in 2011, Urban Games London in 2005 and King of Ground Japan in 2008.

Adams has also won the N.O.R.A. Cup (Number One Rider Award) in both 2005

and 2008.

"All the other pros in the world vote to see who they believe killed it," Adams said of the N.O.R.A. Cup.

Growing up, Adams was an only child and still lives in his childhood hometown of Hammond, La. His parents were always supportive of him.

"They drove me to all the contests," Adams said. "Which helped me to get my name out there for sponsors and stuff."

Already being played in five other countries and soon to hit the U.S. is his movie, "Dreams."

"That movie is basically a story of my life," Adams said. "I tell kids to follow their dreams and how I kept at mine until

I reached it."

Hollywood isn't a new scene for Adams; he has had his share of TV spotlight. Adams has been on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," "Glee," "Fuel TV" and ESPN's "Sports Center."

"I focused most of my career on getting in the mainstream media and not just the normal BMX media," Adams said.

Adams has spent a lot of time on campuses around the country and enjoyed his time at Central.

"I have seen so many college campuses," Adams said. "This is a really nice place."

Watch his videos on his website terryadamsbmx.com and follow him on twitter at [twitter@terryadamsbmx](https://twitter.com/terryadamsbmx).

CWU basketball programs look to 2012

BY RANDY RAJKOVICH
Staff Reporter

Despite low temperatures, team spirit was high during winter quarter athletics.

The men's basketball team brought excitement to campus, hosting two FSN televised events, including the "White Out" game against Seattle Pacific University. The team sat atop of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) with a 26-4 record and were the GNAC Champions for the first time in school history, defeating Alaska Anchorage with a score 83-71.

"I was very proud of the team," said senior guard/forward Jamar Berry. "We meshed well this year, we became one and had a very successful season."

The Wildcats then hosted the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball West Regional Tournament, only the second time Central has hosted the tournament.

Although Central earned the number one seed in the tournament, the Wildcats were among three top-ranked teams to be upset in the first round of the tournament. Number eight seed Seattle Pacific, a team Central had defeated twice earlier in the season, beat the top-seed Wildcats 76-63 ending Central's season.

Team stand out, Jamar Berry was among two Wildcat men's basketball players to be selected to the 2011 Division II West Region Men's Basketball All Star Team. Berry led the Wildcats in many scoring categories, he had the highest points per game average at 17.4, sank the most three-point shots with 46 and made the most field goals on the team with 179.

"I had a rough past year surviving a gun-

shot and to bounce back with a successful season like I had," Berry said.

"I'm so proud of myself, it's been a long time coming."

Berry was the first Central player selected to be a first team All Star since joining the GNAC in 2001-02.

The winter athletic season also brought new faces to the athletic program. Women's basketball head coach Jeff Whitney did not have his contract renewed. Whitney had spent the last 19 years with the team, five years as assistant coach under Gary Frederick and Nancy Katzer prior to taking over as head coach for 14 years.

Whitney won at least 12 games in each of his first 11 seasons as head coach, including nine consecutive years of winning seasons from 1999 to 2008 and made three appearances to the NCAA Division II tournament in the 2001 and 2003 seasons.

However, in the past three year's, the team has been on a slide, posting a 21-57 record. A GNAC conference record of 10-40 in the last three seasons and a ninth place finish in the division may have been leading factors to why Central decided not to renew Jeff Whitney's contract.

Shawn Nelson was selected over five other finalists to take over as the women's head coach at. Nelson's resume was too much to pass up on and made him stand out against his competitors.

As the head coach of Carroll College in Helena Mont. for eight years, Nelson posted a record of 201-70, he finished in the top 25 ranking in Division I of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in each of his first eight seasons and was the youngest coach to reach the 100 and 200 win plateaus in the



JEFF BAYLEY

FIRST AND WORST While the men's basketball team won a GNAC championship, the women's team finished ninth. Both teams have things to work on for next year.

Frontier Conference.

Nelson also made five consecutive appearances to the NAIA Division I national tournaments, including an appearance in the Elite Eight in 2008 and was selected twice as the Frontier Conference Coach of the Year.

Next year's winter athletic program is set to bring back more fun and excite-

ment than this year's season. The women's basketball team will be looking to change their recent losing ways with new head coach Shawn Nelson and the men's basketball team will try to make a push further into the NCAA Basketball Tournament with their eyes on the prize of Western Region Champions.

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Spevak believes that Reilly's hidden talent was golf. While Reilly may not think the same of Spevak, he claims to not be as good as advertised.

"We have support from the locals up here so we get some good deals from the golf courses," Reilly said. "I'm not very good at golf but at least I'm better than [Spevak]. That's not saying much, I have no respect for his golf game."

Golfing aside, Reilly loves Vancouver because it reminds him of Washington.

Reilly frequently thinks about a pos-

sible NFL comeback, but only if the right situation presented itself.

"It would take a lot for me to go back, I really enjoy Canada," Reilly said. "If a team offered me a contract where I could actually play, I might. I'd have to be guaranteed to compete for a starting job or a second string job. No third string. It would have to be a pretty good offer to make me come back down."

During his first training camp and pre-season with the Lions, Reilly will be able to help himself get recognized and he hopes that one day soon he will be a starting quarterback in the CFL.

"I've spent so much time learning," Reilly said. "After a year of learning the rules and learning the philosophy, I am ready to play. Four to five weeks into the season, the coaches don't have time to sit down and teach you the offense. This year I'll have a month of training camp. That's

going to be huge to get into some pre-season games. Once training camp gets over with I can show that I am ready to play and I'll make the most of it."

While Reilly spends the majority of his time in Vancouver, Bennett hopes to have both him and Kitna in Ellensburg next year for an entertaining event.

"We're trying to put a little flag football game together," Bennett said. "Kitna and the guys from his era versus Reilly and his guys."

Reilly and Spevak both think that the game would be extremely fun and that both teams would be full of talent.

The Lions first home game is on Wednesday, June 22 against Saskatchewan. The game will be their second pre-season game.

"We hope that we'll see some of the folks from your neck of woods come up and watch him perform," Chapdelaine said.

Reilly has made many sacrifices to get

where he is today, and coming from a smaller school, the success he has had is unexpected and nobody knows the hard work and dedication it takes better than Reilly.

"Before you chase this dream you have to make sure you're committed to it," Reilly said. "My wife has been very supportive. It's been a lot of moving. I've lived in Pittsburgh, Green Bay, St. Louis and now in a different country. It's a big sacrifice for everyone. If you're going to go down this road, you can't do it halfway."

The Central alum not only works and trains hard for himself, but for his former Wildcat teammates who weren't as fortunate as him.

"They don't have the opportunity to play, even though a lot of them want to," Reilly said. "I feel like I do owe it to them. I have pride for my school and pride for my teammates."



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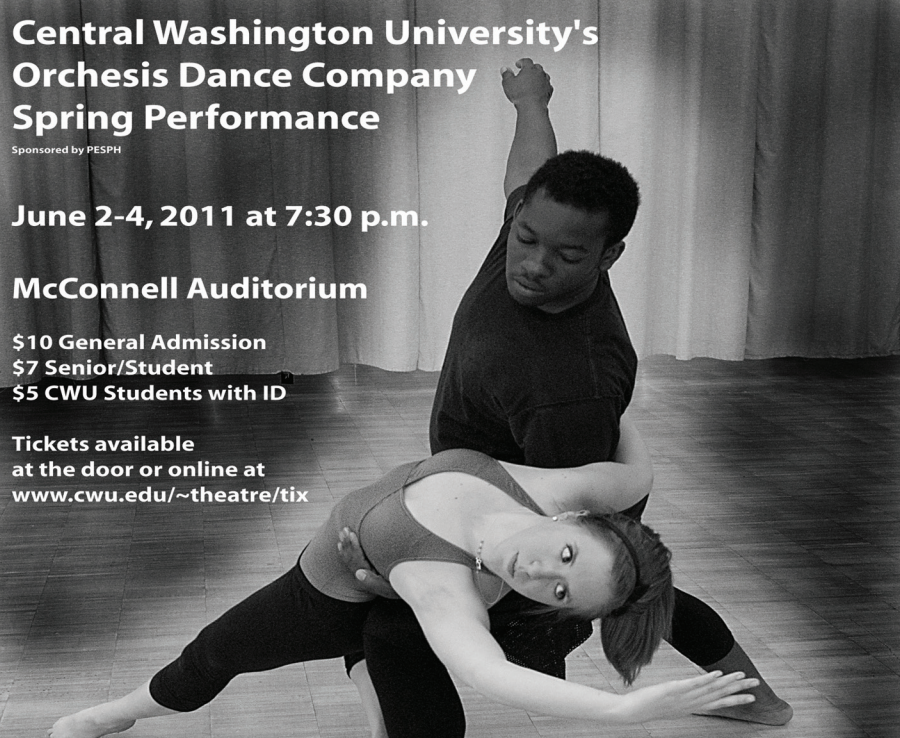
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